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located roundabout were taken into consideration and a decision was taken. Now, the present policy is to convert as many non-basic schools as possible into basic schools. In this connexion, this will also be considered."

Reinstatement of Workers of the Rice and Oil Mills, Perintalmanna

* 919 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what action the Government have taken against the management of the Perintalmanna Rice and Oil Mills for not implementing the memorandum of settlement arrived at between the workers' representatives and the management on 13th September 1954 in the presence of the Labour Officer at Kozhikode?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is reported that the management of Perintalmanna Rice and Oil Mills, Perintalmanna, have implemented the memorandum of settlement."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have received any representation from the workers' union that the management did not implement the memorandum of settlement, as a result of which the workers were forced to resort to Satyagraha before the factory and, if so, whether the Government have taken any action on it? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I may submit that the hon. Member need not be more zealous than the President of the Workers' Union himself who on 8th October 1954 wrote to the Labour Officer requesting him to drop the proceedings for breach of the settlement since the management had reinstated the workers in question."

' Q ' fever

* 920 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cases of ' Q ' fever have occurred in the Madras State in the year 1953–54;

(*b*) whether the Government have directed research on the viruses causing this fever and if so, with what result; and

(*c*) what, if any, are the control measures taken by the Government to check the spread of this disease?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) A few cases of ' Q ' fever are known to have occurred in the Nilgiris and the Coimbatore districts. Information regarding the exact number of cases is not available.

(*b*) The District Medical Officers have been asked to be on the look-out for ' Q ' fever and to send the sera of suspicious cases to the Pasteur Institute at Coonoor for serological test.